



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) : Ralph H. Weiland et al.
Serial No. : 10/632,001
Filing Date : July 28, 2003
Title : VAPOR-LIQUID CONTACT TRAYS AND
METHOD EMPLOYING SAME
Examiner : Charles S. Bushey
Group Art Unit : 1724
Confirmation No. : 2293
Atty. Docket No. : 506417-0855

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of the period for filing a response to the outstanding official action mailed on April 7, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. With this extension, the period for responding to the action will now end on August 7, 2005. The applicable fee of \$120.00 for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is included in the attached check.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Marsh, Jr.

Reg. No. 24,533

STINSON MORRISON HECKER LLP

1201 Walnut Street, Suite 2800

Kansas City, MO 64106-2150

Telephone: (816) 842-8600

Facsimile: (888) 885-6691

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date: 7-26-2005

Signature: Sonja Oakley

Printed Name: Sonja Oakley

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4409.